

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2206 - HB 2809

May 21, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Decreases, from 90 to 60 calendar days, the period of time in which the General Assembly is required to confirm the appointment of a citizen member to the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (017596): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Establishes that a student admitted to a two-year public postsecondary institution (institution) and enrolled in a basic law enforcement academy operated by the institution is eligible to apply for a Tennessee Reconnect Grant (TRG) and receive the grant until the basic training is complete. Establishes that current prerequisite requirements for the TRG do not apply to applicants under the proposed legislation, other than the requirement for the applicant not to be ineligible for the grant and to be a Tennessee resident.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$653,800/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/
Lottery for Education Account**

Other Fiscal Impact - Recurring funding in an amount estimated to be \$653,800 beginning in FY20-21 will not be available for transfer from the Lottery for Education Account to the Tennessee Promise Special Reserve Account.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Three community colleges in the state currently provide a certified basic training law enforcement program: Cleveland State, Nashville State, and Walters State.
- According to the Tennessee Board of Regents, enrollment in the basic training law enforcement programs at Cleveland State, Nashville State, and Walters State for the previous academic school year was 103, 115, and 262 respectively.

- Students currently enrolled in the college law enforcement programs are not prohibited from applying for aid through a TRG; however, it is estimated that expanding eligibility for a TRG will increase awards by 50 percent.
- Applicants for a TRG are required to be Tennessee residents. The average in-state tuition for each college basic training program is \$2,724.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures from the Lottery for Education Account, beginning in FY20-21, is estimated to be \$653,760 $\{[(103 + 115 + 262) \times 50.0\%] \times \$2,724\}$.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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